June 9, 1996

Dear Bill;

Thank you for your June 3 letter. Sorry I can't write a four-page reply. I don't have that much too say.

This is just a note to tell you Harold will undoubtedly address you and your letter when possible, but right now he is hors de combat and is not able to..

He has been in hospital a week starting here at Frederick Memorial last Sunday and sent over to Johns Hopkins on Tuesday. He was suffering difficulty in breathing, increasing weakness and inability to walk very much.

At Frederick he was attached to a machine which administers oxygen while it reads your blood pressure. Very ingenious, time- and space- saving.

At JH more progress was made in learning his difficulties and we are hoping that whatever tests they are making will develop enough information to enable a diagnosis.

When I saw him as he was being transferred from the bed to the trolley to be taken down to the ambulance, I really did not expect him to last until he reached Baltimore. When I spoke with him the next day, he said he had the same feeling. Fortunately, we were both wrong.

He develops fluid in the body and so far no one has been able to determine where it is coming from. He is more without oxygen. Hopefully, that can be detectedand possibly corrected Apparently, at some time in the past, he had a heart attack about which he was not told if the cardiologist noted it

This should be enough to keep you interested until you can confer with Harold.

Love to Betsey.

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